



Community Reach
of Montgomery County

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KASEMAN HEALTH CLINIC UPDATE

OPEN HOUSE!

**Thursday, Sept. 22
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

After more than eight months, the Kaseman Health Clinic was finally able to return to 8 West Middle Lane. The catastrophic flood caused by renovations in the suite above the Clinic required a massive clean-up and reconstruction of the Clinic's permanent home. Typical delays due to insurance investigation and approvals, construction material deliveries, meant the return was

months later than expected when the journey began in January.

While Clinic was under construction, Rockville United Church opened its doors to provide space to see patients. The staff has expressed happiness in the return to their permanent home, but also that they miss the windows and the caring church staff and congregation.

To re-introduce the Clinic supporters, patients, and community to the space at 8 West Middle Lane, there will be an Open House on Thursday, September 22 from 4:30pm - 6:30pm. Clinic Board, staff and volunteers invite everyone to take a look at the renovated space. No RSVP is necessary, but questions can be directed to AndreaKWink@CMRocks.org.

The Saturday COVID clinics for testing, vaccines, and boosters will remain at Rockville United Church through the fall.

More information about Kaseman Health Clinic is located [HERE](#).

FALL CLASSES BEGIN FOR LOP - AND A TEACHER NEEDED

The 2022 semester of Language Outreach Program courses begins on Tuesday, September 6. LOP Director, Cecilia Rojas, is in need of another teacher to lead **Beginning English classes via Zoom on Tuesday and Thursday evenings**. Prior teaching experience, especially working with adults, and or ESOL, is desired. For information about this paid opportunity, please contact [Cecilia](#) at 301-251-2136.



In addition to virtual ESOL courses in levels from Beginning to Advanced, online Conversation courses will also be offered at various levels, days, and times. A full schedule of upcoming courses can be found [HERE](#). An exciting addition to Conversation Classes is a hybrid course that will be offered in partnership with Twinbrook Community Center and Lincoln Park Community Center beginning in mid-September. These courses will offer students the opportunity to learn in a class environment located at the Community Center or via Zoom. Each class will include both in-person and virtual student attendance. Teachers will instruct through Zoom, and a teacher's assistant will also be present in person in the classroom. This model is being offered through a grant provided by Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL). Both community centers have received requests for ESOL or Conversation classes. Staff members reached out to LOP with this request, and the partnership was created. Teachers, curriculum, and resources will all be provided by LOP.

Find additional information about the Language Outreach Program [HERE](#).

GRADUATION FROM HOUSING PROGRAM



A resident of Reach's Jefferson House moved into his own apartment this summer. He had been on the waiting list for a Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) voucher (for rental assistance) for quite a while, and when his name arrived at the top, he was overjoyed.

"Mr. B" has lived at Jefferson House for a number of years. He has helped other residents acclimate to the house and structure of the program. In addition, he has served as a capable house manager for a number of years. With the HOC voucher, "Mr. B" was able to move into a one bedroom apartment in a safe senior living community in Montgomery County. In this new space, he will have more activities that can keep him active as he ages. Mr. B will be able to cook his meals in his own kitchen that he doesn't share with anyone else, and can and watch TV in his own livingroom.

The new home was furnished with gently used and new furniture and home goods donated by Reach supporters. The estate of a previous congregant of Twinbrook Baptist Church provided most of the furniture and kitchen supplies. The Montgomery County, MD Section of the National Council of Negro Women put together a special Welcome Home basket to greet Mr. B when he arrived at his new home. The only item he is now searching to find is a vacuum cleaner.

More information about the Reach Housing Program can be found [HERE](#). For those who wish to make a donation of goods or funds to help current residents, or to support a resident who was recently able to move to their own space, please reach out to Housing Program Manager [Ann Hamlin](#).

Permanent Supportive Housing such as Jefferson and Rockland Houses provides a stable option that does not include a maximum time after which residents must leave. In addition to a roof over their heads, clients receive support services that increase their skills or financial stability for independent living. Studies show permanent supportive housing increases the likelihood that clients will remain housed after moving to independent living.

SAVE THE DATE FOR KASEMAN HEALTH CLINIC RESILIENCE, REBUILDING, REJUVENATION 10/20/22

Hold Thursday evening, October 20 to join us for the MKHC Fall virtual event, Resilience, Rebuilding, Rejuvenation.

Mansfield Kaseman
HEALTH CLINIC 2022 Virtual Celebration



Celebrate the re-opening of the Clinic after a catastrophic flood this winter moved operations to Rockville United Church until the rebuilding was complete. Share in the hope that, although COVID remains in the community, we are returning to much of what we missed during the pandemic. Montgomery County Council President, Gabe Albornoz will once again serve as the evening's Master of Ceremonies.

Rockville Councilmember Monique Ashton returns as the Event Chair and invites you to consider becoming a sponsor ([information here](#)). More information, frequently updated, is available [HERE](#).

ROCKVILLE REWARDS CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE



Purchase a Rockville Rewards Card through Community Reach of Montgomery County and check off two items on your "To Do List." The full \$25 purchase price will be used to support Reach's Rockville Emergency Assistance Program, and you will be able to show the card at many local businesses for discounts and special offers.

To request your annual card (valid September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023), simply use this paypal [link](#) for payment. When payment is made, you will choose the location where cards will be mailed through USPS. If your instructions for receiving the card(s) are more complicated or include multiple addresses, please email Info@CMRocks.org with that information; include the name that was used to make the purchase as well as the best way to contact you - email, phone number or both.

For current information about the businesses and special offers available with the Rockville Rewards card, please see [Rockville Rewards](#). Cards are available for purchase through that

site as well. However, all revenue collected from purchases made directly through Rockville Rewards will be shared equally with all participating nonprofit organizations.

Rockville Rewards is a partnership that includes City of Rockville government, the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and nonprofit organizations. It is a unique opportunity and marketing campaign to support the local community.

Mark Your Calendar!

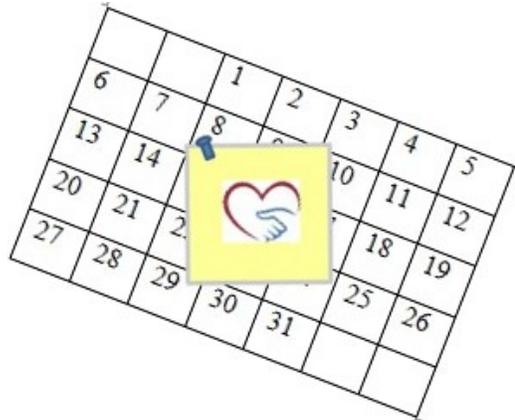
Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
KASEMAN HEALTH CLINIC OPEN HOUSE

8 West Middle Lane
Rockville, MD 20850

Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
***KASEMAN HEALTH CLINIC Resilience
Rebuilding Rejuvenation***

Virtual Zoom Webinar

Sponsorship opportunities and More Information [HERE](#)



SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - Part-time teacher, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, for Beginning ESOL course from September 6 through December 15. For more information, contact **Cecilia Rojas**, 301-251-2136.

JOIN A REACH COMMITTEE - Development, Finance, Faith Advisory, and Governance currently all meet online as standing committees. Help determine the success of Reach through your service. Short term committees also need new members.

LANDSCAPING Trim bushes and clear up the exterior landscape of Jefferson House, help bag bamboo debris at Rockland House, put together a group to collect leaves this Fall at the homes of Senior Reach clients.

CLEAN OUT FURNITURE AND SET UP BEDROOMS Fall organizing projects are underway at Jefferson and Rockland Houses. Help remove extra and broken furniture, move furniture into bedrooms as we prepare to welcome new residents.

CLIENT INTAKE COORDINATORS for Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP). Are you a compassionate, detail-oriented person with a desire to help those in need? Work a four-hour shift weekly during business hours (ideally from 9 am - 1 pm or 1 pm - 5 pm) to help us assist Rockville residents facing eviction; provide County residents with referrals for low-cost dental and other services; and much more. Training is provided.

INTERPRETERS at the Kaseman Health Clinic Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm. Complete the [volunteer application](#) and contact [Ms. Andy Jordan](#) to learn more. Help us ensure that our providers and patients can communicate clearly. Confidentiality is required.

DONATIONS REQUESTED:

For a Former Housing Resident: new or gently used vacuum cleaner for a one-bedroom apartment

For Kaseman Health Clinic & Housing Program:

C-Fold Paper Towels, Paper Towels, Hand Sanitizer, Antibacterial Hand Soap, Trash Bags, Disinfecting Wipes, Scouring Powder, Window Cleaner, Facial Tissue, Bleach, Disinfectant Spray, Dishwashing Liquid



For more information about these opportunities and others, please visit our [Volunteer Page](#) or contact [Andrea Kempner-Wink](#) at 301-637-0172.

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